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DEPARTMENT FOR EAP/CH, B, AND NA

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PHUM, OREP, CH
SUBJECT: YANG WEI: SHANGHAI GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO
COOOL OXLEY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

REF: A) SHANGHAI 8824 B) STATE 416184

1. (a) THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE -- SEE PARAGRAPH 4.

2. (c) POST RECEIVED BY MAIL DECEMBER 7 A LETTER FROM THE
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE (FAO) TO REPRESENTATIVE

MICHAEL OXLEY CONCERNING THE STATUS OF DETAILED DISSIDENT
YANG WEI. DURING COOOL OXLEY'S NOVEMBER 16 MEETING WITH
SHANGHAI PARTY SECRETARY/MAYOR ZHU RONGJI (REF A) REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN RHODES RAISED YANG'S CASE, ASKING FOR DETAILS REGARDING
THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM, HIS STATUS BEFORE THE COURT, THE
POSSIBILITY OF RELEASE AND THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH. THE FAO'S
LETTER IS A NON-REPLY, CHARACTERIZING THE CHARGES AGAINST
YANG, BUT SAYING NOTHING ABOUT THE STATUTE, HE IS ACCUSED OF
VIOLATING, A TRIAL DATE, ETC.

3. (c) ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHIFFER'S UPCOMING VISIT TO
SHANGHAI (REF B) WILL OFFER A TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW
UP ON THE SHANGHAI GOVERNMENT'S NON-REPLY ON YANG. WE
RECOMMEND THAT A/S SCHIFFER ASK MAYOR ZHU (OR HIS
REPRESENTATIVE) FOR FURTHER DETAILS, AS PART OF OUR
EFFORT TO HAVE A PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. (u) BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE FAO'S LETTER TO
CONGRESSMAN OXLEY AND ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT ON YANG.
REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT PASS THE TEXT TO REPRESENTATIVES
OXLEY AND RHODES. WE WILL POUCH THE ORIGINAL TO EAP/CH
FOR FORWARDING TO OXLEY.

DECEMBER 3, 1990

DEAR MR MICHAEL OXLEY,

ENTRUSTED BY MAYOR ZHU RONGJI, WE HAVE MADE INQUIRIES OF
THE BRANCH OF SHANGHAI PEOPLE'S PROSECUTORATE ABOUT YANG
WEI'S CASE. HEREINWITH, WE FORWARD TO YOU THE RESULT OF
OUR INQUIRIES.

WITH BEST REGARDS,
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT

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ATTACHMENT - "END TEXT"
YANG WEI, ALE, AGED 35, IS A WORKER IN SHANGHAI EAST
CHINA ELECTRIC WELDER FACTORY. YANG IS A MEMBER OF THE
REACTORY ORGANIZATION CHINA DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE AND,
CONVICTED OF THE CRIME OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY PROPAGANDA
AND INFLAMMATORY BELUSION, HE WAS SENTENCED IN DECEMBER
1987 TO TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT WITH THE DEPRIVATION OF
POLITICAL RIGHTS FOR ONE MORE YEAR BY THE INTERMEDIATE
PEOPLE'S COURT OF SHANGHAI MUNICIPALITY. HE WAS RELEASED
IN JANUARY 1989 AFTER SERVING HIS FULL TERM IN PRISON.

YANG WEI PARTICIPATED IN THE DISTURBANCE IN SHANGHAI IN
MAY 1989 WHEN HE WAS STILL DEPRIVED OF POLITICAL RIGHTS.
UNDER THE TITLE OF THE REACTORY ORGANIZATION CHINA
DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE, HE MADE MANY CONTACTS WITH THE
LEADERS OF ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS CITY, PRACTISED
DEMOCRACY, MASTERMINDED SCHEMES, COLLECTED INTELLIGENCE AND
SECRETELY PASSED IT ON TO THE LEADERS OF CHINA DEMOCRATIC
ALLIANCE RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES.

WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BRANCH OF SHANGHAI PEOPLE'S
PROSECUTORATE, SHANGHAI PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU MADE LEGAL
ARREST OF YANG WEI ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1989. THE CASE IS NOW
UNDER INQUISITION IN LINE WITH CHINA'S JUDICIAL PROCESS.

(END TEXT)

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